more than 30 passengers. Accordingly, Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had issued Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) to comply with ICAO standard by all airlines in India. Installation of EGPWS on Airbus A-320 fleet of Indian Airlaines will be completed by 31.12.2002.

(c) to (e) EGPWS is an improved version of the existing Ground Proximity Warning System (GPWS). EGPWS is equipped with a predictive terrain hazard warning functions. It provides automatically a timely and distinctive warning to the pilots under the following circumstances:—

1. excessive descent rate;

2. excessive terrain closure rate;

3. excessive altitude loss after take off or go-around;

4. unsafe terrain clearance while not in landing configuaration;

   (i) gear not locked down;

   (ii) flap not in landing position.

5. excessive descent below the instrument glide path.

These warnings assist the pilot and provide additional time to take action to avoid Controlled Flight Into Terrain' (CFIT) type of accidents, which result into maximum number of fatalities.

Seizure of unauthorised items from foreign airlines

618. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign airlines operating to and from India as on 30th June, 2002;

(b) the cities in India from where foreign airlines operate; and

(c) the number of in-coming flights from which drugs or other unauthorised items were seized during the last one year ending 30th June, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YSSO NAIK): (a) and (b) A total of 50 foreign airlines are presently operating air services to/from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata,

Chennai, Trivandrum, Cochin, Trichy, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Amritsar, Patna and Varanasi.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reversion of Chief Vigilance officer of AI

619. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Vigilance officer of Air India has been reverted back to his parent cadre without completion of his term; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) There had been unseemly wrangle within the senior management of Air-India which was affecting the image and work atmosphere of the organisation. The decision to repatriate Chief Vigilance Officer of Air-India was taken in this context with the concurrence of Cenral Vigilance Commission.

Comparison of IA with international airlines

620. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner Indian compare *vis-a-vis* other international domestic airlines with reference to fleet size, age of the aircrafts, cabin crew ratio and spares; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIL): (a) and (b) Data relating to Inidia Airlines compared vis-a-vis other internatior al domestic airlines with reference to fleet size, age of the aircraft, cabin crew ratio and spares is not centrally maintained in the Ministry.